

AZ
JTC
03/10/03

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-5732



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Fumio TAMURA

Serial No.: 09/976,033

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF VOICE
RECOGNITION

)
)
)
)
)
)

Confirmation No.: 1603

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 2641

RECEIVED

MAR 03 2003

Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

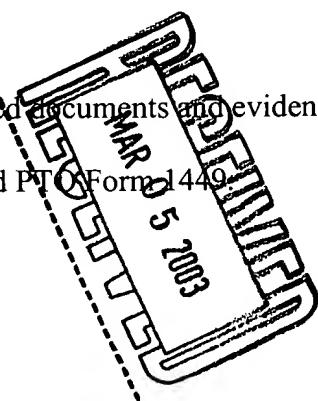
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

The listed documents were cited in an European Search Report dated February 3, 2003 in a related European patent application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached hereto.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.



This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each of all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

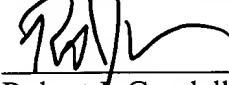
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP

By:



Robert J. Goodell
Reg. No. 41,040

Dated: February 27, 2003

Customer No. 009629
MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP
1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
202-739-3000



<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</p> <p><i>O I P E JCITA FEB 27 2003</i></p> <p>(Use several sheets if necessary)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PTO Form 1449</p>	Attorney Docket No. [REDACTED] 040894-5732	Application No.: 09/976,033
	Applicant(s): Fumio TAMURA PAGE 1 of 1	
	Filing Date: October 15, 2001	Group Art Unit: 2641

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

RECEIVED

MAR 03 2003

Technology Center 2609

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

D. J. Attwater et al., "Large-Vocabulary Data-Centric Dialogues," *BT Technology Journal*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (January 1999), pp. 149-159.

Examiner _____ **Date Considered** _____

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.